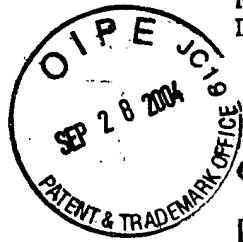


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[001] The present application is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/680,644, filed October 6, 2000, 1998, now US Patent 6,734,265, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

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[024] Ionizing compounds may contain an active proton, or some other cation associated with but not coordinated or only loosely coordinated to the remaining ion of the ionizing compound. Such compounds and the like are described in EP-A-0 570 982, EP-A-0 520 732, EP-A-0 495 375, EP-A-0 426 637, EP-A-0 500 944, EP-A-0 277 003 and EP-A-0 277 004, and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,153,157, 5,198,401, 5,066,741, 5,206,197, 5,241,025, 5,387,568 and 5,384,299 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/285,380, filed August 3, 1994, now abandoned, all incorporated herein by reference. Combinations of activators are also contemplated by the invention, for example, WO 94/07928 and WO 95/14044 and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,153,157 and 5,453,410 all of which are incorporated herein by reference.